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SUBJ: GOG DECLARES JUNTA OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
POLITICAL CRIMES

REF: ATHENS 7127

1. SUMMARY: GOG APPROVED CONSTITUENT ACT OCT. 2  
SPECIFYING POLITICAL CRIMES OF DICTATORIAL REGIME COME  
UNDER JURISDICTION OF ATHENS APPEAL COURT AND THAT NO  
AMNESTY HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR SUCH CRIMES. MINISTER OF  
FINANCE JOHN PESMAZOGLOU EARLIER IN DAY TOLD NEWSMEN  
DECREE HAD BEEN PASSED TERMINATING PENSIONS TO FORMER  
REGENT, PRESIDENT, MINISTERS AND UNDER SECRETARIES WHO  
HELD OFFICE DURING MILITARY REGIME. END SUMMARY.

2. CABINET OCTOBER 2 APPROVED CONSTITUENT ACT SUBMITTED  
BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE PAPACONSTANTINOU BY WHICH  
POLITICAL CRIMES OF DICTATORSHIP ARE PLACED WITHIN  
COMPETENCE OF ATHENS APPEAL COURT. ACT CLARIFIED THAT  
OFFENSES COMMITTED DURING SEVEN-YEAR MILITARY RULE HAD NOT  
BEEN AMNESTIED AND THUS NULLIFIED AMNESTY DECREE PROCLAIMED BY  
PAPADOPOULOS GOVERNMENT AUGUST, 1973 (ATHENS 5879, AUG. 21,  
1973).

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3. EARLIER ON OCTOBER 2 MINISTER OF FINANCE JOHN

PESMAZOGLOU IN INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT LEGISLATIVE DECREE HAS BEEN APPROVED TERMINATING PENSIONS TO PERSONS WHO HELD OFFICE AS REGENT, PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC, MINISTER OR UNDER SECRETARY DURING SEVEN-YEAR DICTATORSHIP. DECREE ALSO PROVIDED THAT FORMER OFFICIALS OF MILITARY REGIME WOULD BE ENTITLED TO PENSIONS ONLY IF THEY HAD SERVED AS DEPUTIES AND SPECIFIED THAT SECRETARIES GENERAL AND OTHER CIVIL SERVANTS WHO SERVED AT CABINET LEVEL WOULD NO LONGER BE ELIGIBLE FOR PENSIONS. SAME DECREE LIFTED DISCRIMINATORY LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN EX-DEPUTIES OWING TO THEIR "SOCIAL VIEWS" (COMMUNIST/LEFT) AND PROVIDED THAT PENSIONS OF FORMER DEPUTIES SHOULD BE BASED ON YEARS OF SERVICE BUT NOT EXCEED PENSIONS OF SUPREME COURT JUDGES. (NOTE: SHORTLY AFTER APRIL 21, 1967 REGIME TOOK POWER PENSIONS OF ALL EX-DEPUTIES WERE CANCELLED. THERE WERE LATER RESTORED EXCEPT TO EDA DEPUTIES WHO ARE NOW ALSO TO BE GRANTED SAME BENEFITS.)

4. GOG'S CANCELLING MILITARY REGIME OFFICIALS' CLAIM TO PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY FOR POLITICAL CRIMES THROUGH 1973 AMNESTY DECREE SHOULD AISE STOCK OF CARAMANLIS ADMINISTRATION WITH MANY, PARTICULARLY LEFT, LIBERALS AND YOUTH, WHO ARE CLAMORING THAT "JUNTA BE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE." THERE MAY BE SOME NEGATIVE REACTION FROM CERTAIN ELEMENTS WITHIN ARMED FORCES AND CONSERVATIVES WHO ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT ACTUAL PROBE INTO CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS DURING MILITARY REGIME MIGHT DISRUPT EFFORTS TO RESTORE STABILITY. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, DURING ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN CARAMANLIS EVIDENTLY CONCLUDED HE COULD NOT AFFORD TO IGNORE JUNTA ISSUE. AFTER ELECTIONS, PRESUMABLY HE COULD TAILOR ACTIONS TO REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNAL PUBLIC OPINION.  
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